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ILLICIT CASH COURIER ACTIVITY WITH MEXICANS

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(SBU) In response to Ref A, econoff in late February 2007 shared a Spanish-language non-paper on the threat posed by illicit cash courier activity with five Mexican officials. These officials are: Luis Urrutia, the head of Mexico's Financial Intelligence Unit; Nicandra Castro Escarpulli, the acting chief of Mexico's federal investigative agency (SIEDO); Jose Luis Santiago Vasconcelos, the Deputy Prosecutor for International Affairs at the Federal Attorney General's Office; Marco Antonio Venegas Ramirez, the Chief of Counternarcotics Cooperation and Director General for North American Affairs at the Secretariat of Foreign Relations; and Luis Mancera, the Federation's Fiscal Prosecutor. We will notify Washington immediately if we receive a substantive reply.

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